

MASSACHUSETTS EMT-PARAMEDIC

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RECERTIFICATION STEPS

Go to **MASSEMT.ORG** and follow the prompts to access all steps of recertification

STEP-1: TRAINING PROFILE	STEP-2: PROFILE REVIEW	STEP-3: STATE APPLICATION
A. Create a training profile. If you have NREMT certification, you will be rerouted to log into your NREMT account through NREMT.org.	A. Work with TO for profile review. Your EMS agency Training Officer (TO) will review your training profile for accuracy and document the proficiency of your skills (if applicable).	A. Log into state's eLicensing website. Find your eLicensing account. First time users should find their information based on SSN and birthdate.
B. Affiliate with your EMS agency. If you are unaffiliated (and non-NREMT): select unaffiliated based on your region (<i>more info available on massemt.org</i>).	B. Make any necessary edits. If your Training Officer recognizes the need for further explanations or edits, be sure to complete the edits & resubmit.	B. Review, attest & pay state recert. fee. Review your information for accuracy, answer questions, and submit the recertification fee (\$125) electronically.
C. Enter <u>all</u> of your training hours. Archived credits from 2013 may be available at mass.gov/dph/oems (under "Lookup EMT CE Credit Hours Archive.")	ALS NREMT Providers Only: <i>Your agency Medical Director will also review and authorize your training profile and skills.</i>	C. Submit your state application by 03/31/15. As long as you have completed all steps you will receive your new certification card in the mail within 2-3 weeks.
D. Pay for training profile & submit. Submit your training profile & training profile fee electronically. MA-only EMT-Paramedics: \$25 MA/NREMT EMT-Paramedics: \$20	Non-NREMT EMTs who are unaffiliated: <i>Be sure to submit your training records to your EMS region, who will act as your training officer (more info available on massemt.org).</i>	CHECK! As you approach the expiration of your current state EMT certification, be sure to check your wallet to ensure you are carrying a current certification card.

Need help with steps 1 or 2? Direct your questions first to your EMS Agency Training Officer; if more help is required, contact the **NREMT at 614-888-4484**.

Need help with step 3? Contact the **eLicensing help desk at 617-973-0935**.



TIMELINE

JANUARY 1, 2013	OCTOBER 1, 2014	DECEMBER 31, 2014	FEBRUARY 15, 2015	MARCH 31, 2015
Continuing education completed after this date can be used for 2015 recertification.	Training profile & state application open for online payment & submission.	No longer a deadline! <i>Happy New Year's Eve!</i>	Recommended date to complete & submit all steps in order receive your new card by 04/01/15.	Last day to complete & submit all steps (including step 2: review by your Training Officer).

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SCOPE OF PRACTICE TRANSITION

WHY?	HOW?	WHEN?
Prior to this initiative, there were over 40 different EMS certification levels across the country; in many cases the same title meant very different skill sets and training requirements. In an effort to standardize all EMS certifications there is a nationwide initiative to update all providers to the most modern minimum standards on top of which statewide treatment protocols will build.	At the paramedic level the transition course will be limited and can count towards continuing education (under either the local or individual categories). The content is driven by the National Scope of Practice. The goal is that at the end of the course, EMT-Paramedics are responsible for knowing and understanding all topics covered within the new Paramedic Scope of Practice. It is up to the training officer & educator to decide how to best fill their students' "knowledge gaps" and document how that new standards are met. Course hours will defer based on material required to be covered.	EMT-Paramedics must transition to "Paramedic" by 3/31/17.
IMPORTANT NOTE: Completing this transition process does not result in a NREMT certification. The only way to obtain National EMS Certification is to successfully complete the exam process. Obtaining NREMT certification is optional for currently certified Massachusetts EMT-Paramedics.		



CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

OVERVIEW: Current continuing education requirements are now broken into 3 categories totaling 60 hours. As a total, at the EMT-P level, it is 13 hours less than the prior standard. The new requirements involve redesigned and innovative education focused on increased clinical skills and changes in practice.

APPROVAL & SUBMISSION: Training institutions and Continuing Education sponsors no longer submit rosters to the state but will retain copies on file; it is the individual EMT's responsibility to maintain documentation of their completed continuing education in the form of either a course certificate or copy of roster. **All courses** must have an OEMS approval number (if NREMT certified, courses must have a state and/or CECBEMS approval number).

NATIONAL <i>Content that all EMTs nationwide need to review.</i>	LOCAL <i>Content that all EMTs in your state, region and service need to review.</i>	INDIVIDUAL <i>Content that you as an individual EMT need and/or want to review.</i>
30 hours	15 hours	15 hours
These are defined objectives and take the place of the old refresher. If you took an approved refresher in 2013, it can satisfy this category for 2015.	For 2015 recertification, this section is not defined and instead completed based on elective courses, similar to the INDIVIDUAL category (<i>will be further defined next cycle</i>).	Elective course requirement. Courses must be within your EMS scope of practice.

Important fact: If you do not have NREMT certification and elect to test into the NREMT during your recertification period (which is **optional**), you will fulfill the continuing education requirements for your Massachusetts certification and can continue through the recertification process (to step 3). Thereafter, recertifying your NREMT certification will automatically satisfy Massachusetts steps 1 & 2.